

Mansfield in Praising Press Sees Task to Ask Questions

DUBUQUE, Iowa, May 29 (AP) — Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield praised the Nation's press today and said it must continue to reflect the truth as it sees it, "not as it is reflected in the retina of 'official position.'" When these two views differ, Mansfield said, "there must be no forced convergence in the name of a national unity."

That kind of unity, he added, "is not a source of strength. Rather, it is a source of a dangerous and delusive weakness."

In a commencement speech prepared for delivery at Clarke College, Mansfield said it is the basic task of the press to ask incisive questions "which in a democracy need to be asked by the people and answered by their government."

The Montana Democrat said this was the case in Viet-Nam and the Dominican Republic, where "the press provides the impetus and stimulus for a searching and continuing public debate which is likely to go on and should go on until there is a satisfactory resolution of critical national questions."

Mansfield injected his remarks about the press into a speech largely devoted to the role of women in today's society as he addressed the graduates of the Liberal Arts College for Women. Mrs. Mansfield, who attended Clarke College for three years and was graduated from St. Mary's of Notre Dame, received an honorary doctor of laws degree at the ceremonies.

Shriver Declares Goal As Equality, Freedom

COLUMBIA, S.C., May 29 (AP)—Peace Corps Director R. Sargent Shriver told graduating seniors at the University of South Carolina today that "the revolution on the 1960s, '70s and '80s is for the dignity

of all people."

"Like it or not," he said, "you are part of this struggle because the battle lines are clearly drawn—between those who care, those who are committed to the cause of human freedom and human equality and those who stand opposed or apathetically by the way-side."

Shriver said Peace Corps volunteers have done much "with faith and trust in mankind" to dispel myths about racial, religious and social incompatibility.

He told the graduates that in the domestic war on poverty "we are learning the same lesson and once again as we stick to that faith a lot of myths are beginning to crumble."

Douglas Sees Waste In 'Military Ventures'

WOODSTOCK, Va., May 29 (AP) — Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas said today the Government has not spread democracy over the world, but has "wasted most of the years since World War II in vain military ventures."

Speaking at the 66th commencement at Massanutten Military Academy, Douglas said, "Our armament program abroad has largely resulted in increasing strength of totalitarian regimes run by feudal kings and feudal families."